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# H. R. 3963

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 1996

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Housing Fraud Pre-  
5       vention Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF RENTAL SUBSIDIES FOR UNIT**  
2 **RENTED TO MEMBER OF OWNER'S FAMILY.**

3 Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937  
4 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) is amended by inserting after sub-  
5 section (k) the following new subsection:

6 “(l)(1) In the case of tenant-based assistance pro-  
7 vided under this section on behalf of an eligible family,  
8 the eligible family may not use such assistance for the  
9 rental of any dwelling unit for which the owner is a family  
10 member of the eligible family.

11 “(2) For purposes of this subsection, the following  
12 definitions shall apply:

13 “(A) The term ‘family member’ means, with re-  
14 spect to an eligible family, a child, parent, or grand-  
15 parent of the head of household of the eligible family  
16 or the head of household’s spouse. In determining  
17 whether any of the relationships referred to in this  
18 subparagraph exist, a legally adopted son or daugh-  
19 ter of an individual (and a child who is a member  
20 of an individual’s household, if placed with such in-  
21 dividual by an authorized placement agency for legal  
22 adoption by such individual), and a foster child of an  
23 individual, shall be treated as a child of such individ-  
24 ual by blood.

1           “(B) The term ‘child’ means, with respect to  
2           any individual, a son, stepson, daughter, or step-  
3           daughter of such individual.”.

4   **SEC. 3. APPLICABILITY.**

5           The amendment under by section 2 is made on the  
6           date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply to the  
7           rental of any dwelling unit pursuant to a lease entered  
8           into after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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